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SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF VOICE OF AMERICA (VOA) AGREEMENT

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1. DURING MEETING ON ANOTHER SUBJECT FEBRUARY 13, DIRECTOR, WEST, OF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MDFA) BALASUBRAMANIAM TOOK OCCASION TO INFORM EMBOFF OF "MODIFICATIONS "SRI LANKA GOVERNMENT (GSL) WOULD LIKE INCLUDED IN EXTENSION OF VOA AGREEMENT.

2. BALASUBRAMANIAM SAID THERE WERE TWO AREAS WHERE GSL WOULD LIKE "SLIGHT" MODIFICATIONS. FIRST REGARDS PAYMENTS BY BOA CONCERNING WHICH GSL SUGGESTS EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF VOA PAYING IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE. SECOND, GSL WOULD LIKE TO AMEND AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR OVERSEAS TRAINING FACILITIES FOR SRI LANKA BROADCASTING CORPORATION (SLBC) STAFF.

3. MDFA SUGGESTED THAT FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS BE
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HELD WITH DIRECTOR OF SLBC(WHO IS ALSO SECRETARY

OF MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING).
REQUEST WASHINGTON CONSIDER GSL'S REQUESTS WITH
VIEW TO PURSUING DISCUSSION WITH SLBC DURING
TERVOLA'S VISIT TO COLOMBO MARCH 8.
VAN HOLLEN

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